



## Gospel Community Notes & Questions

**Title:** The LORD Is in the House

**Text:** Exodus 35-40

**Theme:** Gospel gratitude fuels a life of generosity, service, obedience, and worship.

**Teaching Notes:** As the story of Exodus draws to a close, nearly six whole chapters are committed to describing every detail of the tabernacle being built. It's a promise fulfilled in spite of Israel's unfaithfulness. When the people see God's grace in giving them a second chance to experience the blessing of his presence, they respond by giving all that they are and have to him. And in the end, his glory comes and fills the tabernacle to dwell in their midst.

### Outline:

Introduction: Why all the repetition of Exodus 26-30?

- Key: The repetition celebrates covenant renewal. God has given them a second chance to build him a house to dwell among them.

**Gospel Response #1: Generosity.** (35:4-9, 21-24, 29; 36:3-7)

- Those who've received much give much.

**Gospel Response #2: Service.** (35:10, 25-26, 30-34; 36:1)

- The redeemed give not only what they have, but also what they do, to the Lord.

**Gospel Response #3: Obedience.** (39-40)

- Nearly 20x, we're told the people did "as the LORD had commanded Moses."
- Obedience is a response to God's grace, not the reason for it.
- Many Christians obey out of a toxic mix of wrong motives.
  - Fear.
  - Self-righteousness.
  - Obligation.
  - Manipulation.

**Gospel Response #4: Worship.**

- The tabernacle was in the middle of Israel's encampment because they were being called to center their lives on God and seek his face.

**Conclusion:** The book of Exodus ends with a mini-restoration of Eden: God's people living in God's place under God's authority, receiving God's blessing.



**Questions from Exodus 35-40 to explore individually and with your group:**

1. What's something you learned from this week's teaching on Exodus 35-40?
2. What are some things a freewill offering reveals that a tithe does not?
3. Why is generosity hard? Why is it hard for you?
4. Why do you think Moses specifically calls out and commends the work of women who made and dyed linen yarn for the tabernacle? (See 35:25-26)
5. What three things did the Spirit fill Bezalel to do? (See 35:30-34) How is this relevant to your vocation and work? How would living in the awareness of the Spirit's filling change something about your work?
6. Why do you think Exodus 39-40 says nearly 20x that the people did "as the LORD had commanded Moses"? What's something the Lord is calling or commanding you to do through your work?
7. What resources has God put at your disposal? What are some ways you could be generous with these things?
8. What are some talents, abilities, or skills God has given you? What are some ways you could steward these for his glory and for the common good?
9. What's your one biggest takeaway from this study of Exodus? What's one thing you're doing differently as a direct result of this study?
10. What one actionable thing will you do this week in response to this message?

**Prayer Prompts:**

1. Praise the Lord for your own exodus story where you've been rescued from bondage to sin and liberated to love and worship him with all that you are and all that you have.
2. Confess where your motives for obedience are off. Confess the ways you use resources like time and money selfishly instead of investing generously in the mission and kingdom of God.
3. Ask for a renewed vision of God's gracious generosity toward you.